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EDITORIAL.

To anyone deeply aware of the wide ramifications of the overall ufo problem, it comes as a constant surprise to discover that, even those generally held in the highest esteem among ufologists, often seem unaware of the true magnitude of the subject and, worse still, are as often ignorant of the amount of recorded material available for study. Of course, the present writer is in no better a position, for, like all others, he too does not know the full extent of the problem. Yet, being ignorant is one thing; being aware of but doing nothing about the problem is another. This editorial briefly outlines some of the difficulties facing ufologists everywhere, and focuses attention on some deficiencies in ufology. This resume should prove useful to all ufologists and especially to those who are newcomers to the subject.

As is well known, ufos appear erratically at all times of the day and night, are seen at all altitudes in all latitudes, both over the sea and land, as well as from the air, under all climatic and meteorological conditions. Ufos are also reported by individuals coming from every race and walk-of-life, who separately enjoy a wide variety of scholastic attainments (or non-attainments), who subscribe to as many religious and political beliefs, and who are persons of all ages of both sexes. Ufos also manifest themselves in a wide range of shapes, of which some are seen much more frequently than others and quite a number conform to the configurations of no known man-made and natural objects. In short, they appear to be of alien origin. And since ufos often perform complicated flight movements, even land on artificial-looking apparatus, it seems that at least a large percentage of them are of artificial construction and manufactured at one or more non-Earthly centres. In this way, it has often been advocated that ufos are intelligently controlled machines produced by some other-world culture, being, therefore, extraterrestrial visitors. Although this is the most frequently advanced explanation for ufos, it is by no means proved correct and it is not the only explanation put forward down the years.

Ufos have reportedly landed on a large number of occasions, and disgorged a variety of occupants who have often engaged in a variety of activities, such as the collection of soil, plants, animals (even human beings according to some reports). On other occasions strange or incongruous objects have fallen from ufos or from apparently clear skies, all suggestive of a "two-way flow" of material between (a) Earth and (b) some other realm occupied by ufos. Many accounts exist of near-unbelievable ufo occupant abilities, while there seems to be some evidence that ufo occupants can manipulate human brains and sensory systems, as also those of animals. In short, they frequently appear to transcend three-dimensional science as we know it, whereby the parameters of our own sciences are called into question and the extent beyond them to which the ufo problem may reach is totally unknown.

Being at present an essentially anecdotal subject (i.e., our "evidence" consists primarily of observations), the numerous reports comprising it are themselves of dubious individual dependability, for they were made over many years by eyewitnesses whose descriptive and observational powers range from the excellent to the chronic. Yet ufologists still lag behind in establishing some method for accurately coding the reliability of individual reports. Thus, we try to work with and make sense out of material of uncertain value. We seek to understand a subject of unknown limits but which seems to be of great import, although our own thought-tools and our methodology seem at times inadequate to the task. Is it not time, therefore, that we put our "house in order" before proceeding? Better to proceed from the known to the unknown, rather than the unknown or unreliable to the unknown.

The Editor.



UFOs FOUGHT FOR CHARLEMAGNE,

by

W. Raymond Drake.

Whatever religion a people may openly worship, the subtle esoteric concept of God seems confined to the few illumined --- the mass of ordinary humanity that even today tends to imagine the 'Lord' as some Superman gazing down at them from 'heaven', that vague but invariably delectable abode somewhere in the skies above us. Celestial signs, such as heavenly lights, "chariots of fire", "Angels", and "voices from heaven", appear to the beholders or recipients to have physical substance and objective reality. These signs and portents have for long been held to proclaim the reality of Olympian Immortals who, when propitiated and supplicated in human, albeit flattering, reverence, will condescend to come to human aid. Priests may pontificate abstruse theology, but, as our executives in advertising well know, the simplest concepts must be personified to make them acceptable to the general public. The ritual and dogma of Christianity has necessarily had to assume many of the trappings of the Paganism it displaced, so it was natural that in practice the new religion (i.e., Christianity) seemed to many people little different from the old. Indeed, the lives of the saints vividly demonstrated that earnest prayer to heaven often brought "divine" intervention in the guise of apparitions or seeming miracles. Theologians have long taught, possibly correctly, that God is the "Essence" of the entire Universe, that "Heaven" is a "state of Grace", some postulating it to be some realm of matter finer than our own; such concepts, especially if true, transcend common understanding.

Why have people from the very earliest times gazed skywards and implored physical intervention, the only manifestation they could comprehend? The only possible reason is that people in all ages in all countries knew instinctively, and by ancient tradition (perhaps also by personal experience), that beyond the starry vault above existed a wondrous Superman who watched, inspired, and occasionally visited men on Earth.

If the histories of mankind are carefully examined, many incidents hitherto baffling or seemingly capable of only rather implausible explanations may be resolved or better accounted for by the acceptance of intervention by UFOs.

Such an event, occurring in AD.776, was chronicled by an unknown French monk in the "Annales Laurisenses"; paralleled by the "Annales Eginhardi", the latter compiled by Abbot Einhard, the contemporary biographer of Charlemagne. These works, which are in Latin, were printed in Migne's "Patrologiae", Tomus civ, dealing with the Ninth Century. As far as the present writer knows, his own translation of this rare work is the only English language version extant. From his capital at Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen), Charlemagne (742-814), sometimes known as the 'Light of the Dark Ages', had created the Holy Roman Empire which included the future France, Germany, Austria, and Italy, and united Christendom into one community --- a glorious, imaginative, super-national State. Charlemagne's subjects, however, often rebelled against Imperialism, and he was constantly warring to suppress national revolts throughout his vast dominions. The most troublesome of all were the Saxons, the ancestors of our present-day East Germans. A literal translation of the "Annales Laurisenses" for the year AD.776 reads:

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"Then Our Lord, Charles the King, went forth into Italy to assault the lands around Foruli; Brodgaufus was killed, and our above-mentioned King Charles (Charlemagne) celebrated Easter with the citizens of Tarvisium. The citizens captured at Foruli with the citizens left behind at Tarvisium who had rebelled, he distributed them all among the French, and again with prosperity and victory he returned



to France. Then a messenger arrived announcing that the Saxons had rebelled and massacred all their hostages, and had broken their solemn oaths. They had pacified the castle at Aeresburg by evil and sinister ingenuity, thereupon persuading the French residents to leave. After the departure of the French, the walls and fortifications of the castle had been destroyed by these Saxons. Advancing from there, they sought to do likewise at Sigiburg; the French with the aid of God opposed them courageously, so they in no way prevailed. But to pacify the garrison within the fortress, they (the Saxons) were unable to destroy them as they had done the others in the other castle, so they began to prepare their forces and catapults to capture it by valour. God willing, the balista of stones, which they had set up, did more damage to themselves than to those living in the fortress. Now, when the Saxons perceived it was not going in their favour, they began to erect scaffolding from which they could bravely storm the castle itself. But God is good as well as just. He overcame their valour, and on the same they prepared assault against the Christians, who lived within the castle, the Glory of God appeared in manifestation above the church within the fortress. Those watching outside in the place, of whom many still live to this very day, say they beheld the likeness of two large shields, reddish in colour, in motion flaming above the church (et dicunt vidisse instar duorum scutorum colore rubeo flammantes et agitantes super ipsam ecclesiam) and then the Pagans who were outside saw this sign, they were at once thrown into confusion and terrified with great fear, and then began to flee from the castle. The whole multitude in panic were driven to take headlong flight, some killed others indiscriminately, glancing back in panic, then hurling their spears, which they carried by their shoulders, at those fleeing before them; others were struck by blows among themselves and by the divine retribution judged down among them. How the goodness of God for the deliverance of the Christians had worked upon them, none could recount; but the greater the Saxons became terrified by increasing fear, so much more were the Christians comforted and they praised the omnipotence of the Lord, Who had graciously extended His power over His servants".

"And as the Saxons took flight from there, the French harried them, slaying them as far as the River Lippy. The castle was saved and the French returned victorious. And when our Lord, King Charles, came to Worms and heard of all these events, he began a meeting of the people held with public acclaim. After the Council had met, with the aid of God, by swiftness and enterprise, he suddenly stormed the Saxon stronghold and defences. The terrified Saxons all assembled at the place where the Lippy rises, coming from all parts they surrendered their country in a pledge given by all present; they solemnly swore to become Christians and to submit to the laws of our Lord, Charles the King, and of the French. Then our Lord, King Charles, together with the French, rebuilt the castle of Aeresburg and another castle (Lipstadt) over the Lippy; there the Saxons had come with their wives and innumerable children; the multitude was baptized and they gave hostages, which our Lord, King Charles, demanded from them. When the above-mentioned fortresses were complete, they were handed over to the French troops stationed there as garrisons. Our Lord, the King, returned to France and celebrated Christmas at Haristallio, and Easter at Nimegen". (Migne: "Patrologiae", tome civ, Saeculum ix, Annales Laurissenses, p.404).

Just what kind of aerial apparition was it that threw these Saxon hordes into panic-stricken flight? Were the two "reddish shields" really geese in flight, meteors, or that old favourite, the planet Venus? The Saxons well knew geese, and had doubtless seen many a meteor, meteors being in any case such short-lived phenomena that even if two reddish ones had appeared over the church their visible manifestation would have been so brief as to have caused little more than momentary comment. After all a battle was being waged. Could the "shields" have been



"temperature inversions"? If only the Saxons had carried thermometers. But, of course, it was just an hallucination, of the same type as that which, in AD 312, converted Constantine and his army to Christianity, or that "huge, flame-like body like a wine jar" which, in 73 B.C., scattered the massed armies of Mithradates and saved the legions of Lucullus near Pontus in Asia Minor, or that which, so "experts" repeatedly inform us, persists in haunting so many observers of our own day. The Saxons knowing nothing of such hallucinations, stampeded back to the Fatherland, and then embraced Christianity presumably because of its pre-eminence over their own religions for working such wonders.

It is, however, scarcely sporting of us to mock the ignorant Saxons, for only 17 years later, in AD 793, our own ignorant countrymen beheld comparably startling celestial portents. One Anglo-Saxon chronicle of the period complained:

"in this year (AD 793) terrible portents appeared over Northumbria, and miserably frightened the inhabitants. These were exceptional flashes of lightning, and fiery dragons were seen flying in the sky".

Even the learned Cicero, eight hundred years earlier, felt aggravated by these globes of fire in the heavens, which sent the Senate of Rome scurrying to scan the Books of the Sibyl.

Yet that unknown monk, quietly and laboriously penning his beautiful Latin script in his cell, accepted the "flying shields" without surprise. Were not such signs from heaven set down in the Holy Scriptures, the very substance of his faith? Had not the Venerable Bede, across that cold North Sea written fifty years before his "Ecclesiastical History" full of similar prodigies? Those "shields" were surely divine messengers. Our unknown chronicler mentions that, as he wrote, many eyewitnesses to the manifestation of these shields were still alive. How his pious soul must have marvelled at their miraculous tale so often told, conjuring up a vivid image in his brain. He has apparently chosen his words in describing this singular event with great deliberation, rejecting, for example, the word 'clipeus' (which would have signified the small oval shield carried by lightly armed soldiers in his day) and stressing instead 'scutum', the large quadrangular shield made of wood and covered with hides as borne by heavy infantry of the time. Moreover the often very valiant Saxons would not have scared easily. Our monk also talks of "divine retribution", which suggests that the "shields" assisted in the ensuing slaughter.

Careful consideration of all the foregoing aspects of this remarkable event strongly suggests that the two flying reddish "shields" were actually ufos, exactly like those frequently reported in modern skies. Indeed the "flying shields" over Sigiburg in AD 776 continue the regular pattern of ufo sightings recorded in the annals of ancient Greece, Rome, Israel, Anglo-Saxon England, and mediaeval Europe, right down to our own twentieth century. The description of the "shields" provided by the unknown monkish chronicler twelve hundred years ago, tallies precisely with those of ufos reported by modern jet-plane pilots. Each sighting or report confirms the essential correctness of the others. The Saxons of Charlemagne's day found that ufos were real enough and to their cost. Let us not incur similar experiences.

Should we now wonder why ufos do not land openly, let us consider that, gazing down on our Earth for at least the past three thousand years, they may have been sufficiently appalled at the seemingly endless succession of hideous wars as to conclude that such overt arrival would be a hopeless waste of time. Indeed, would they not be justified in thinking us savages? Morally, our development since Charlemagne's reign has been virtually nil.



UFOs: WHENCE AND WHY?

by

J.B.Delair.

Ever since 1947, when the general public first became aware of the existence of ufos and their essentially alien character, speculation has been rife as to where ufos come from and precisely why they are visiting Earth. These two questions, of which the latter is probably the more important, are actually so intertwined that a satisfactory solution to one must of necessity provide the same for the other.

Even a cursory appraisal of the overall ufo phenomenon discloses numerous apparent contradictions and seemingly unrelated elements in its fabric. From this the impression is easily formed that, somewhere, at least a part of the known ufo record is either false or has been grossly misreported or misinterpreted, or both. The difficulty, of course, has been to know which elements are factually correct and which are erroneous, a situation much aggravated by those who, entertaining preconceived answers to the two fundamental questions before us, have deliberately ignored or discarded information not confirmed or accommodated by their personal beliefs. Such action actually amounts to prejudice. A position has thus been reached where it is exceedingly difficult to decide what should and what should not be accepted as reliable (particularly as reality in the ufo field frequently proves to be far stranger than the wildest fiction). In short, a thoroughly confused situation now prevails.

One asks, therefore, whether it is possible to make sense out of this confusion? Are the apparent contradictions, elaborated upon below, real contradictions? Can sensible correlations be found for the seemingly unrelated elements? Is the entire ufo phenomenon just a gigantic hallucination or, because of the recurrence and persistence of various apparently anomalous elements within it, could it be something so enormous and alien that we are as yet, and despite all research attempted to date, hardly aware of its very existence?

The writer believes that a working framework, logically and reasonably accounting for these and other associated "discrepancies" in the ufo record, can indeed be constructed despite the reigning confusion. This article outlines that framework, taking, on its way, a hard look at the two basic questions within its title.

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At the outset it will be useful to describe more exactly just what some of the above-mentioned "anomalies" or "discrepancies" consist of, and to trace how some of them have been regarded in ufological circles to date.

Firstly we will review the falls of organic substances and living creatures from the sky.

Secondly, we will refer to the mysterious armadas or fleets of unknown bodies (some apparently of artificial or orderly construction) observed on several occasions passing in space between the Earth and Moon or between the Earth and Sun, or other planets in our solar system.

Next we will survey the many and varied origins claimed for ufos and their occupants (hereafter called ufonauts) by those who claim to have experienced some kind of communication with those entities.

Fourthly, we will examine the reported activities of ufonauts alleged to have landed on this planet, and also of certain low-flying ufos.



Then we will consider the unexpected appearances and disappearances in localized districts of unusual creatures, occasionally seen with or near ufos.

Finally a survey will be made of the disturbingly large number of (a) sudden disappearances of crops, domesticated animals, and human beings, or (b) the inexplicable and sometimes gruesome deaths of farm livestock --- these types of effects being apparently inter-related.

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Many writers have mentioned the enigmatic falls of strange organic substances (blood-like fluids, flesh, jelly-like matter, etc.) and of various species of animals (worms, periwinkles, mussels, crabs, fish, frogs, toads, snakes, etc.) that have occurred from time to time over the last few centuries. Collectively, such incidents have been termed "Fortean phenomena", after the late Charles Fort who was the first person known to have systematically catalogued such events. Quite a number of these falls accompanied the appearance of unidentified lights or other moving bodies in the sky, and should, therefore, be considered a part of the overall ufo problem.

Below is a selection of some of the many known cases. These indicate that whatever lies behind these episodes has been directing operations internationally for a very long time. Thirty incidents are here presented chronologically.

- 1571 (month unrecorded): Eirden, Netherlands. So much blood-like fluid fell from the sky over a 5 or 6 mile area that grass and clothing exposed to it was stained a dark purple.
- 1608; July: Aix, Provence, France. An area occupying about half a league on the outskirts of this town was covered by a shower of blood-like liquid.
- 1669; March 17th: Chatillon-sur-Seine, France. A reddish substance, viscous and putrid, fell from the sky.
- 1695; November 15th: Limerick and Tipperary, Eire. Showers occurred of a greasy or butter-like substance, emitting an offensive odour, over several places far apart in these counties.
- 1744; (month unnoted): San Pier d'Arena, Italy. Much blood-like matter fell from the sky upon this place, to the great consternation of its inhabitants.
- 1786; May 5th: Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Quantities of black eggs fell here during a period of terrible drought. Some were preserved in a water flask, where they subsequently hatched, shed their skins several times, and were seen to resemble tadpoles.
- 1811; (Month unnoted): Antwerp, Belgium. A fiery ball exploded in the sky over this town, and a gelatinous substance fell upon the ground.
- 1819; August 13th: Amherst, Massachusetts, USA. A brilliant aerial object dropped gelatinous matter as it passed over this town.
- 1832; March: Kourianof, USSR. Vast masses of resinous, combustible, yellowish matter which, when torn, had the tenacity of cotton, fell upon and covered to a depth of at least two inches an area occupying six or seven hundred square feet.
- 1846; March 16th: Shanghai, China. An olive-grey powder fell here in enormous quantities. Under the microscope it proved to be an aggregation of two kinds of hairs, one black, the other a thicker white variety.
- 1846; October 26th: Lowell, Massachusetts, USA. A luminous disc dropped a jelly-like substance upon the ground as it passed overhead.
- 1869; August 9th: Los Nietos, California, USA. A mixture of shredded flesh, blood, and short fine hair fell from the sky upon a farm near here for all of three minutes, and covered an area of two acres.



- 1877 (month unnoted): Memphis, Tennessee, USA. After torrential rains, literally thousands of snakes were found crawling on sidewalks, in yards, and on streets within the space of two city blocks. No snakes had been seen there prior to the storm.
- 1881; May 28th: Worcester, England. Tons of periwinkles, hermit crabs, and crabs of an unidentified species fell upon and covered fields and a road over a distance of about a mile.
- 1886; August 13th: Cornwall, England. Vast numbers of snails fell from the sky during a thunderstorm.
- 1887; (month unnoted): Elbasan, Albania. Masses of jelly-like matter and partially decomposed frog-like creatures fell from a perfectly clear sky.
- 1887; December 13th: Cochin China. A substance like coagulated blood fell upon various localities.
- 1891; August 8th; Seymour, Indiana, USA. A great shower of fish fell from the sky, of a species never identified.
- 1892; May 29th: Gcalburg, Alabama, USA. A tremendous shower of large eels fell upon this place, and local farmers filled carts with them to use as fertilizer.
- 1892; (month unnoted): Paderborn, Germany. Torrential rains fell from a strange yellow cloud together with hundreds of mussels.
- 1922; September 5th: Chalon-sur-Saone, France. Small toads fell from the sky upon this place for two days.
- 1924; January 3rd: Halmstead, Sweden. Showers of red worms, one to four inches in length, fell here during a snowstorm.
- 1925; March 21st: Uitenhage, Republic of South Africa. A shower of fishes and little red frogs fell upon and disturbed some springboks grazing at this locality.
- 1937; August: Tarpa, Hungary. Thousands of frogs rained down from the sky upon this town.
- 1944; June 24th; Hillsdale, Michigan, USA. Literally thousands of live perch fell from the sky during a rainstorm over a farm near this place.
- 1948; August 24th: Towyn, Merionethshire, Wales. During a thick mist so many frogs fell from the sky that brooms and shovels could hardly keep them out of houses.
- 1949; October 11th: Bristol, England. A live goldfish fell down a chimney into a fireplace owned by a Mrs Walker.
- 1954; September 24th: Los Angeles, California, USA. A chunk of yellowish waxy matter crashed out of the sky into the yard of a house occupied by a Mrs Hoffman. No aeroplanes were overhead at the time, and its origin was never determined.
- 1955; December 2nd: Washington, D.C., USA. A completely frozen fish hurtled out of the sky through the windscreen of a car.
- 1968; June 16th: Near Kuussamo, Finland. Shortly after a low-flying ufo had passed overhead, a farmer in this district found numerous weirdly segmented worms of a type never before seen on his property. They have never been identified.

All the above incidents, so typical of scores of others on record, are attended by exceedingly curious circumstances which are not, however, common to all the cases. Especially noteworthy in several cases are the great volumes of matter or creatures reported as having fallen. Reflect on how much matter or how many creatures would need to fall if areas six or seven hundred square feet, or running into several acres or city blocks, are to be covered --- in a few instances to a depth of several inches. Interestingly, falls that might have normally been ex-



pected to have covered much wider areas actually fell in very restricted manner. For example, a fall of fish at Calcutta, India, on 20th. September, 1839, occurred only along a strip of ground averaging 18 inches in width (vide: Living Age, vol. 52, p.186). Such distribution is highly unnatural, as also is the extreme selectivity of the phenomena. Why did not seaweed, sand, and pebbles, and perhaps a few shellfish fall with the fishes rained upon Calcutta if, as various contemporary explainers of the event asserted, the fish had merely been sucked up by freak whirlwinds or waterspouts and then dumped where they were observed to fall? True, crabs and periwinkles fell on Worcester in 1881 (see above), but that instance, where were the fishes or the seaweeds that might reasonably have been expected to have accompanied them as natural cohabitants of their original watery home? Had they been separated out afterwards? If so, it must have been accompanied by unnatural agencies, that is, by intelligence.

Again, the association of falling animals and substances with mists and storms is also decidedly odd. The arrival of unknown and unidentifiable species is odder still. The aforementioned fall of marine creatures at Worcester involved known and unknown species simultaneously. Where had the unknown forms come from, and how had they become mixed up with those of known species, all, as we have previously observed, segregated from fishes or other contemporary life forms that with reason might have been expected to have fallen too? Again, one has little recourse but to invoke unnatural or alien agencies as the cause of these things.

Note should also be taken of the comparatively large number of occasions when showers took place in March, May, August, and September. The dates March 16th. and 17th., as also August 13th. and 14th., seem to be more repetitive than one would expect. Nor should we overlook the occasion when tadpole-like creatures, to which water is essential, fell during a drought; or that some fish fell live.

Confronted with such amazing data, small wonder that earlier writers advanced a variety of almost equally amazing explanations to account for them. Almost without exception, however, these explanations are untenable, only the late Maurice K. Jessup facing up to the likelihood that such falls were actually the deliberate dumpings from hydroponic tanks situated somewhere outside the Earth's atmosphere somewhere in space. Indeed, no other explanation appears to be adequate. Its acceptance, moreover, firmly establishes the presence of alien intelligence directing the events.

If Jessup's hypothesis withstands scrutiny, then it follows that, owing to the presence in these showers of known animal species, specimens of those species must previously have been collected and removed from Earth by alien agencies, and from whom abundant progeny had been bred as some kind of experiment. Similarly the origin of unknown animal species might be identified as other life-bearing worlds. If widespread interplanetary collecting of such creatures had been conducted, or perhaps still is being conducted, then the centre or centres hosting the suggested alien experiments could either be on one of those other worlds or on some free-moving artificial construction in space.

Interestingly, all these creatures are known to have a high reproductive rate, being, on that score, ideal subjects for controlled breeding and cross-breeding via biological experiments. All also thrive in water or damp habitats. Jessup's hydroponic tanks would naturally provide such habitats. White coloured, or albino frogs that fell on Birmingham, England, in 1874, are highly suggestive of the plausibility of Jessup's hypothesis for would not frogs in tanks, shielded from natural sunlight by sheer astronomical distances, lose their natural pigmentation? One has to look no further than animals and plants inhabiting caves to appreciate the general correctness of this observation.



The numerous visits to swampy regions, to lakes, rivers, and the open sea by ufos and ufonauts (see lists of instances in various volumes of Flying Saucers Review, in Saucers, Space, & Science, and in Ivan T. Sanderson's "Invisible Residents") is again highly suggestive of collecting activity like that just advocated. An in-depth review of all ufo reports centred on such physical features is urgently required, and should be investigated in the light of the possibilities now being discussed.

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Probably the best known instance of armadas of unknown aerial bodies in the upper parts of or actually outside the Earth's atmosphere in space is that which Jose Bonilla made at Zacatecas Observatory, Mexico, on August 12th., 1883. On that day hundreds of bodies were seen streaming through space in groups, all proceeding in the same direction. One of the objects, of oval configuration, was actually photographed; this was reproduced in the prestigious French journal L'Astronomie for 1885 (see p.347). These bodies have never been satisfactorily identified.

Comparable, and often very similar events had occurred earlier than 1883, however. One of the earliest took place on August 7th., 1566, when many black round bodies were seen from Fasilia to pass across the face of the Sun (vide Kolosimo: "No of this World", Sphere edn., 1971, p.77), with incredible velocity. In June 1777, the celebrated French astronomer Charles Messier saw a group of discoidal objects cross the face of the Sun with rapid motion (vide Flying Saucers, edited by Ray Palmer, no:83, 1973, p.54; and B. Le Poer Trench, "The Flying Saucer Story", p.3), while "millions" of small spheres and other objects resembling hat-crowns were seen on May 16th., 1808, over Biskopsberga and Skeninge by astonished residents. Some of the objects are said to have landed, after which they promptly dried up or left a residue of unknown composition. Some of the objects were said to have been at a very great height, although what any of them were or where they came from or were going to were questions to which no sensible answers were ever given (see North American Review, vol.3, pp.319f.). A group of five unknown bodies was seen crossing the Sun's disc by the astronomer Gruthusien on June 26th., 1819, while the same observer two more cross the solar face on July 26th., the same year (vide Ann.Sci.Discovery, 1860, p.441; M.K. Jessup, "The Case for the UFO", p.198). Again, this time in October 1822, the astronomer Pasteroff watched several unknown bodies in space crossing the Sun's face on the 20th. of that month (vide Ann.Sci.Discovery, 1860, p.411). On August 8th., 1849, Mr Inglis and another observer saw thousands of luminous discoidal objects at an immense height in the sky over Gais, Switzerland, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Some had what appeared to be wings or a coronal glow (vide Leslie & Adamski, "Flying Saucers Have Landed", pp.26, 45). At 11.00 a.m., astronomer Bird watched several luminous bodies, blue in colour and with one side fringed, positioned in space near the planet Venus. Complimentary observations of these objects were made from Manchester and Birmingham on May 30th (or 31st.), 1867 (Charles Fort, "New Lands", Sphere edn., 1974, p.97).

On August 7th., 1869, several objects moving in parallel lines were seen by Prof. Swift at Mattoon, Illinois, USA, and Drs. Zentmayer, Coffin, and Himes at Iowa observatory, USA, across the Moon's face. They were never properly identified (op.cit., pp.98-99). The great English astronomer Herschel saw, between noon on October 17th. and approximately 7.00 a.m. on October 18th., 1869, numerous objects and "shadows" crossing the solar disc (vide Flying Saucers, edited by Ray Palmer, no:82, 1973, p.55), while the equally famous French astronomer, Trouvelot, watched many opaque bodies cross the face of the Sun on three successive days, August 29th., 30th., and 31st., from his observatory at Meudon, France (ibid.).



In the L'Annee Scientifique (Paris) for 1874, we find an account of numerous black bodies crossing the Moon's disc on an unnoted date in 1874, while on 30th. November 1880, Prof. Ricco saw several unknown objects parade across the solar orb from his observatory at Palermo, Sicily (vide Flying Saucers, edited by Ray Palmer, no:82, 1973, p.55).

Only five months before Bonilla's famous Mexican observations previously detailed, many unknown objects were seen on April 15th., and again on April 25th., 1883, streaming through space across the face of the Sun (vide Leslie & Adamski, "Flying Saucers Have Landed", p.30). Although Col. Markwick, on May 10th., 1902, reported seeing many small coloured suns, apparently near the Moon, it is very probable that these objects, observed from south Devonshire, were in reality somewhere inside our atmosphere and not in space at all, and that they should thereby be excluded from the inter-planetary groups listed above (see English Mechanic, no:75, p.417, for further details of Col. Markwick's sighting). Observations of groups or armadas of unknown bodies outside Earth's atmosphere seem, therefore, to have ceased more or less with Jose Bonilla's, although, of course single and pairs of unknown objects in space, sometimes between the Earth and Moon, and at other times near Venus and Mercury, were seen an astonishing number of times in the eighteenth century. Again, with the turn of the present century, such observations fell off markedly, or, if made, were recorded much more rarely. Those interested in studying these reports in greater detail would do well to consult pages 77-78, 82-85, 94-95, and 19 of "New Lands" by Charles Fort (Sphere edition: 1974), who quotes many original references.

Reviewing the above observations one quickly sees that a very large proportion of them occurred in the summer months of May, June, July, and August, the latter month having, perhaps, the greatest number of observations. This seeming pattern is interesting, especially when, as previously noted, May and August were two of the months when the highest numbers of showers of organic and animal substances occurred. August was also the month when the arguably most important observation of an unknown interplanetary body was made in the eighteenth century. This occurred on August 9th., in 1762, when astronomer De Rostan at Lausanne, Switzerland, observed a vast spindle-shaped body on the face of the Sun. De Rostan saw it every successive day until September 7th. that year, during which period it had gradually advanced right across the solar disc eventually passing out of visibility into space. Another observer, Croste, also monitored this transit from Sole, in France. A full account of this most interesting sighting can be found in the Annual Register for 1766, pp.120-1, and in the UFO Register, vol.6, 1975, pp.21-2. The recorded details leave no doubt that this object was self-moving, not in a normal orbit around the Sun, and that, due to its singular shape, it can scarcely have been of natural origin. Its identity has never been officially determined, although its amazing resemblance to many modern observations of spindle-shaped or cigar-like ufos strongly suggests that it was, indeed, a construction of exactly similar type and origin. This sighting alone is a powerful indication that ufos, or at least some of them, really are of extraterrestrial origin.

August continues to bother us, for on the 20th, August in 1886, Professor Colbert, an astronomer at Chicago, saw, for the space of about half an hour, a small object resembling a comet near the star Zeta, in the constellation Cassiopeia: it then vanished (see Sidereal Messenger, vol.5, p.269). Again in August, in 1835 to be exact, a star was observed by Sir John Herschel on the eastern side of a nebula, whereas in 1827 and 1833, when it been observed previously, it had been positioned in the centre of the nebula. Either the nebula moved or the star did; but for any such movement to be so rapid as to be observable in such a short period of time from Earth suggests that either the star and nebula were much closer to us than was apparent, or that the star or the nebula were really inde-



pendent of one another and that one of them was actually moving quickly in space comparatively close to the solar system. That such things are not preposterous can be appreciated by the very interesting observation of Dr Espin, who, on the night of January 16th., 1898, saw something looking like a cloud in the constellation of Perseus. It was not something high in the Earth's atmosphere, for he saw it, or something precisely like it, again on January 24th. that year. Then, on February 17th., Dr Halm and Mr Heath, two competent observers, watched it in Perseus dimming and discolouring stars shining through it. Whatever it was moved slowly, but nevertheless perceptibly in relation to the more distant "fixed" stars. It appeared to be of great size, but was not, in Dr Espin's opinion, "a nebula; and was not like one" (vide Monthly Notices, no:58, p.334; Journal of the British Astronomical Association, vol.8, p.216). Objects that initially looked like nebulae, but which, because after they were catalogued as such, then disappeared, are not unknown in astronomical archives. Agnes Clerke's "System of the Stars", p.293; American J.Sci., vol.2, no:33, p.436; Nature, vol.30, p.20, and various other periodicals contain details of various events in this category. Even stars, or groups of stars, have been recorded (e.g., see The Observatory, March 1914) as having abruptly disappeared.

All the foregoing facts suggest that a great deal of activity was going on in interplanetary space within, or in outer space near the solar system during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The previous reference to a comet-like object near Zeta Cassiopeia tends to support this suggestion when we find other wayward comet-like bodies recorded as passing between the Earth and Moon (something no true comets ever do), on September 27th., 1881 (see J.Liverpool Astronomical Soc., 1882), and of another hovering for 6 minutes in the sky near Belgrade, Yugoslavia, on 25th. April, 1898 (see Hobana & Weverbergh, "Ufos From Behind the Iron Curtain", p.196). Comets just do not hover. Hovering, however, is a sign of unnatural control, that is, by some form of intelligent direction.

Thus, from many areas, support for an extraterrestrial origin for ufos, or at least some of them, can be piled up in most convincing terms.

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Coming now to a consideration of possible ufo origins (we have just seen where many ufos have been recorded as being active), it must at once be stated that it is not presently possible to categorically pinpoint the place or places whence they emanate. One can, however, review the various claimed origins named or described by those who allege contact of one sort or another with ufonauts. Such individuals are generally known as "contactees".

One is immediately confronted with a rather bewildering array of origins when undertaking such a review, for, according to different contactees, ufos come from such diverse sources as the Moon, Mars, Saturn, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, and imaginary or invisible planets called "Clarion" and "Lanulos". The two latter are said to be invisible, according to the contactees, because they lie out of sight beyond the Sun. Where beyond the Sun? On the other hand, if the semi-transparent bodies observed by De Rostan, Dr. Espin, Mr. Heath, and Dr. Halm (see above), were, although only intermittently visible, actually real worlds --- or in the De Rostan case a giant artificial construction --- then such seemingly wild claims about invisible worlds could assume a new significance.

Other claimed origins include Ganymede (a constellation according to the ufonauts who reputedly imparted this information, but used by astronomers to designate one of Jupiter's moons), the Pleiades, Proxima Centauri, Orion, Sirius, Tau Ceti, Epsilon Bootes, Zeta Reticulae, and the Coma Berenices cluster of nebulae.



Such a conflicting series of claimed origins is at first sight beyond serious consideration, the immediate reaction being that either the contactees misunderstood the information imparted to them by the ufonauts, or they deliberately distorted that information to better coincide with their personal beliefs, or the ufonauts themselves deliberately perpetrated a smokescreen of untruths, as it were, to mask their true place/s of origin. The possibility of the last mentioned interpretation being correct exists because of the usually covert nature of most ufonaut activities on this planet. Such a smokescreen could be created to cast doubt in men's minds about the very existence of ufos and their occupants if their purpose in visiting Earth is essentially secretive.

On the other hand, the alleged ufonaut statements concerning "where they have come from" may in every instance have been literally true, insofar as, in answering contactee questions on that subject, they merely reported their "last port of call". If, for example, ufonauts engage in visits to several different worlds as part of an extended exploratory or scientific programme, it is entirely possible that they may indulge in round trips, calling en route at, for instance, Tau Ceti, Jupiter, Venus, and the Moon. Depending upon which of these "ports of call" they visited immediately prior to their meeting with contactees, their statements respecting "where they had come from" would predictably be highly variable yet still strictly true. If, by accepting the ufonaut statements at face value, contactees failed to obtain clarification of those statements --- which seems to have been the case in practically every known instance --- then little wonder that the ufo literature is littered with so many contradictory statements of this nature. It may be that it is Man's gullability that is at fault, not the possible hoodwinking attempts of the ufonauts.

Probably, the most promising information as to where at least some ufos hail from is represented by the extraordinary three-dimensional map allegedly viewed on board a ufo by Betty Hill, during the period of her abduction (vide Fuller: "Interrupted Journey"). The map, subsequently reconstructed from data extracted from Betty Hill while under hypnosis, features several lines of communication between several stars --- including our Sun --- and worlds presumably orbiting them. If Betty Hill's recollections were at all reliable, the centre of the map appears to be a point in space relatively near the star Zeta Reticulae. The map also suggests that organized interstellar journies were undertaken by the ufonauts and that different intelligent races on different worlds were in contact, perhaps in regular communication, with each other. As yet, astronomers have not detected a world or planet in the position from which this map has apparently been projected, so that it is by no means certain that the ufonauts, or those who showed this map to Betty Hill, come from any of the worlds depicted on it. Full details of how this map was painstakingly reconstructed, and a discussion of the implications inherent in it, can be found in Salisbury's "The Utah Ufo Display", pp.201-207.

The idea of space-trekking ufonauts, however, seemingly dovetails well with the aforementioned interplanetary armadas and groups of unknown objects, while the unusual comet-like body in Cassiopeia and the intermittent semi-transparent object/s in Perseus (previously detailed) could very well be related in some way to the same notion.

But others have advocated that ufos and their occupants emanate from ancient cultures possessing advanced technology resident in some inner Earth realm, with exits at the poles; and at least one writer, Ivan T. Sanderson, has explored the possibility that ufos and their creators come from under the sea, the culture they represent being located on the ocean beds. So far, these hypotheses have gained few adherents, even among ufologists.



Still others have proposed that ufos come from some other space-time continuum, contemporary with yet invisible to us. Evidence substantiating this theory has so far been conspicuous by its intangibility.

Finally, it has been suggested --- not very convincingly --- that ufos and ufo-nauts are time-travellers insofar as they are really human beings from Earth's future, who, by advanced technology, are returning in time to our era from their own. Again, scant evidence exists to support this possibility.

Although hinting at the feasibility of the idea, the late Maurice Jessup hardly developed the sole remaining alternative, i.e., that ufos originate from one or more artificially constructed giant mobile worlds capable of being moved from one location to another by superior technology as circumstances dictate. This notion, therefore, makes ufonauts free-space dwellers, and eliminates the need to place their headquarters on a natural planet. The solution, while far from being proveable, does nevertheless explain many of the apparently unrelated and diverse strands of evidence believedly associated with the overall ufo problem but hitherto not accorded very rational explanations. It is discussed more fully below, where the creation of artificial mobile worlds is shown to have many advantages.

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On the assumption that not all advanced cultures are self-destructive, it can be argued that sooner or later, and because of the ultimate necessity to replenish dwindling stocks of raw materials on its parent planet, that race will via its technology develop some type of interplanetary or interstellar travel. Such developments will be forced upon it through the gradual exhaustion of basic resources and fuels necessary for the continuance of the culture, and by the apparently ever-increasing rate with which advancing technologies consume crucial materials. With the exhaustion of basic resources, so important spin-off products (for example, plastics and nylon fibres) would cease to be producible.

Faced with such a prospect, a scientifically advanced culture would almost certainly have formulated and put into operation plans for colonizing and exploiting the near worlds endowed with the desired mineral wealth and resources well before exhaustion point had been reached on the parent planet. Huge efforts would have been made to locate alternative sources of supply, and personnel concerned with its organized extraction established on other suitable worlds in at least a few instances. Regular communication between the home planet and the colonized one/s would have been effected, both by actual space-travelling craft (necessary for the transference of extracted materials to the home planet) and by other means, all dependent upon the distances involved.

But even if such an enterprise as that just outlined was successful, it would in itself be comparatively shortlived, for in time the resources of the colonized or exploited planet would become exhausted too, especially if it was found that they did not occur there in the abundance initially believed. Also, a great deal of valuable material would be needed to merely set up and operate an effective shuttle-service between the planets concerned, thereby creating a further drain on available resources. Thus, if our hypothetical culture was to survive for more than a few millennia, the search for yet other, and presumably more distant, worlds possessing essential materials would not only become rapidly imperative but have to be initiated and conducted over even greater distances.

Surely any culture faced with these problems --- as indeed Man himself is likely to be one day --- would eventually decide that the colonization and exploitation of even a succession of worlds was really a venture of limited viability, particularly as worlds suitable for "quarrying" became too distant to easily reach. Ultimately a point would be reached when a new "permanent" home would be



sought, and the entire population on the original home planet transferred to it. Such an operation, however, would tend to merely precipitate the whole cycle all over again, and a really imaginative culture would probably embark upon a plan to construct one or more artificial constructions capable of being moved, with their populations, from planetary system to planetary system as required. Moreover, having once built such constructions, the necessity for raw materials could very well significantly diminish. Under such circumstances, the principal preoccupation of our hypothetical race would be to grow and propagate foodstuffs, and, perhaps, to try and replenish as far as possible the worlds they had formerly plundered to survive. At this stage of their evolution, their main interests would centre on biological and organic investigations. This, according to the ufo record dealing with ufonaut behaviour at landing sites, is very much what they are interested in on their visits to Earth. Let us review their activities in greater detail.

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Ufonauts have been reported on various occasions as gathering rock and soil specimens, various cases in this category of behaviour having been recorded from Australia and from North and South America. On at least one occasion they enquired of a contactee (Gary Wilcox) about fertilizers used by farmers when planting in Earth soils. Briefly, just before 10.00a.m. on April 24th., 1964, Wilcox was spreading fertilizer on a secluded field on his farm near Tioga City, New York State, USA, when he saw an egg-shaped object resting on the ground at the other end of it. Two small beings suddenly appeared, carrying trays of what appeared to be soil removed from the field. In the ensuing conversation between Wilcox and his strange visitors, organic materials and fertilizers were discussed, and, eventually, the ufonauts requested, were given, and took away with them a bag of fertilizer supplied by Wilcox. They also mentioned two significant details: (i) they grew food in the "atmosphere" where they came from (location not given), and (ii) they could visit Earth only every two years.

Ufonauts are also interested in domestic and commercial food crops. They seem constantly to inspect cultivated plants and orchards.

One of the best known cases is that of Maurice Masse, a lavender-growing farmer resident just north of Valensole, France. On the morning of July 1st., 1965, while tending his plants, he noticed a rugby-ball shaped object with a cupola resting on six legs in his field, and that nearby two small beings were examining his crop. Lavender plants growing where the ufo landed died afterwards, and for a long while afterwards nothing would grow at the spot.

Similar dead or dying plants in fields have been found by astonished farmers at many places around the world. Among these should be mentioned bean crops on the Howard Groves farm near Goldfield, Iowa, USA., on July 2th., 1973; ears of wheat removed from a grain crop growing at Hubbard, Oregon, USA., on May 19th., 1964, after a shiny object landed there on four legs; and the removal of a tomato from tomato plants cultivated by farmer Antonio Ferro near Sao Joao, Pernambuco State, Brazil, by two small ufonauts who landed there in a disc-like object on September 5th., 1965.

Episodes like those just described could be multiplied many times.

Several cases involving orchards and fruit trees are known. For example, a very intense bluish light hovered immediately over the tops of trees forming an orchard at an isolated farm on Five Mile Creek Road, south of Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia, USA, approximately 10.15pm. on April 7th., 1967. A spiky-edged light, that repeatedly materialized and dematerialized, inspected the trunk and branches of an apple tree at Horsell, Woking, Surrey, England, on March 13th., 1970. It vanished for good with a growling mechanical noise. An almost exactly similar



event occurred about 1.00 a.m. on July 26th., 1970, on a farm ten miles south of Sedalia, Missouri, USA, when an unidentified light inspected several fruit trees growing approximately 230 feet north of the farm itself. Ducks and dogs on the farm were very agitated during the time this light was visible.

At least four further well documented cases are known of ufo landings in the extensive orange, lemon, and apple groves of southern California, while three occasions are on file of low hovering ufos over tea estates in Ceylon. That the ufonauts are not always merely sampling what may to them be little more than curious food seems borne out by a case centred on Kolmarden, Sweden, where two small beings, who emerged from an egg-shaped object that landed near two terrified eyewitnesses on August 23rd., 1967, expertly sectioned apples growing there in a very odd manner.

Expert incisions have also been made by presumed ufonauts in animals, as recounted, for example, in the UFO Register (pt.1, 1975, pp.8-20). In some cases the affected animals survived, although in others they died as a result of losing various organs. Unusual surgical-like incisions in the necks and throats of cows, horses, and dogs, were found on carcasses (often drained of all blood) of these domesticated creatures on farms throughout the Ohio River valley in 1966-1967. No footprints, such as were left on the ground at Kolmarden, or disturbance marks were ever discovered near these dead animals. In 1973, virtually the same circumstances were reported from farms in Kansas.

Also in 1973, during December, wholesale disappearances of top quality cows and horses occurred from King's Ranch, Texas, USA, simultaneously with intense low level ufo activity during nocturnal hours throughout the area. Many other animals were found dead, with selected parts missing. Interestingly, up to 60 valuable bulls were found unaccountably dead the morning of December 5th., 1973, after low altitude ufos had passed over the area and caused power failures in the neighbouring villages of Cailar and Gallargues-le-Montieux, in southern France. Again in 1973, wholesale disappearances occurred of dogs from large areas of Connecticut, and from Woodstock, New York State, USA., more or less simultaneously with widespread ufo activity. These events, which spilled over into January 1974, occurred mostly during December 1973.

The brains, eyeballs, udders, and other vital organs, often with all their blood, were all that were removed from cattle on several farms in the Ohio River valley during 1963-1964, and, once again, no disturbance marks were ever found near the carcasses. On the Bryant farm, however, tall "men" in white overalls were disturbed in the act of butchering cows and, when challenged by angry farmhands, jumped effortlessly over eleven-foot high fences from standing positions, and thereby evaded apprehension. Clearly these butchers were not ordinary "men".

The ability to produce prodigious leaps effortlessly was displayed by a very small "man" at 6.00pm. one evening (exact date unnoted) in December 1968, at Otoco, near Uyuni, Bolivia, where he was disturbed while inserting a needle-like device into sheep. He evaded capture, was never identified, and was not seen again. Thirty-four sheep were afterwards found dead as a result of his activities.

On June 21st., 1968, an egg-shaped object landed near a farm at Brazey-en-Morvan, Cote d'Or, France, and after its departure skywards sheep there were found unaccountably dead, while others were missing altogether. A similar process took place at almost the same spot in October 1968, when a silvery object landed and was apparently responsible for the death of three sheep, the disappearance of two others, and the discolouration and subsequent death of local slugs.

During the last days of October 1971 (date unknown), a calf was drawn up into



the sky by invisible forces before the astounded gaze of farm-hands near Algrete, Brazil. This occurred about 4.00 pm.; but during the preceding night strange reddish lights had been observed by local residents moving about in the sky. These lights moved in threes and followed complicated circular flight-patterns. On 3rd. November the same year, a wheel-like object the size of a Volkswagon car landed on a farm 8 miles from Austin, Texas, USA, and disgorged three small "men" accompanied by two erect fuzzy-haired creatures. After these visitors had departed, several pigs were found to be missing from the farm.

All the foregoing cases forcibly remind one of the now famous, or infamous, episode of the mutilated horse "Snippy", and even of the bizarre affair of young Oliver Larch. Also apparently significant is the fact that ufos are on record as displaying interest in a turkey farm at Golden, Colorado (Oct. 1th., 1956), in a riding school near Hornbeak, Tennessee (Sept. 29th., 1973), and in fish-breeding pools at Doucier, in the Jura, France (Nov. 2nd., 1972). Other cases are on record of landed ufonauts killing or abducting geese, rabbits, and chickens. An event dated October 23rd., 1973, also gives one pause for very serious thought, for on that date patrolman Gary Flatter, who was investigating an earlier report of an alien being (a humanoid) seen on farm property near Hartford City, Iowa, USA., witnessed a small glowing being near a brilliant light resting in, or hovering low above, a roadside field and towards which a line of small mammals was advancing. Flatter reported that he heard an intense high-pitched whine or hum, and that he felt that the mammals were being drawn compulsively towards the light (by the strange sound?).

The removal of all blood from some of the above mentioned farm animals reminds us to note the attempted capture by a ufo of a blood-mobile near Huntingdon, West Virginia, one night during March 1967. Terrified witnesses --- the driver and a nurse --- described how two pincer-like arms descended from the ufo, which paced the madly-driven blood-mobile, as if to lift up the vehicle. Before disaster struck, however, oncoming cars in the opposite direction caused the ufo to veer away and disappear. Had the oncoming traffic not arrived so opportunely, presumably police and hospital authorities would have had to record not only a missing blood-mobile but vanished personnel as well. An interesting account of this alarming event can be found in John Keel's "The Mothman Prophecies".

In connection with the foregoing interest in domestic animals and cultivated plants, ufonauts also show a decided preoccupation with human cemeteries. For example, on October 1st., 1965, villagers at Koka, New Guinea, saw a white and red ufo ascend out of the local cemetery. On November 4th., 1957, a luminous ufo was spotted hovering over Elmwood Park cemetery near Chicago, Illinois, USA., while on October 6th., 1966, a very low hovering ufo was seen over the side of a cemetery at Haverhill, Massachusetts, USA.

Other cemetery cases of more recent occurrence include a round object over Carville cemetery during the early hours of September 7th., 1973; an egg-shaped object that landed in Laurel Grove cemetery, Savannah, Georgia, USA., on the 9th. of the same month; and a glowing object over a cemetery at Ampthill, Bedfordshire, ENGLAND, on February 26th., 1974. The Laurel Grove incident was especially interesting because eyewitnesses reported that ten creatures similar to "black dogs" emerged from the landed ufo and scattered through the graveyard. Subsequent searches of the site, after the ufo had departed, revealed no landing marks, and no "dogs".

Another interesting cemetery case occurred on March 8th., 1967, when a brilliant object making a humming sound was seen at very low altitude over St. Leo's cemetery, Leominster, Massachusetts, USA., surrounded by a thick but very local-



ized "fog". The engine and lights of the two eyewitness's car malfunctioned, and the male driver of the vehicle was rendered temporarily immobile by the ufo.

Many additional cases involving ufos at or near cemeteries are known, and one can only conclude that such places hold special fascination for ufonauts. Could it be that, as a facet of their obviously advanced technology, they possess powerful infra-red or equivalent apparatus capable of penetrating below ground level and detecting and, perhaps, recording the numerous male and female skeletons buried there in orderly fashion? Using such methods, morphological studies of human skeletons could be conducted on a grand scale, large numbers of individuals of different races and different ages being thus rapidly monitorable. Such methods would also eliminate the need to abduct noticeably large numbers of individuals, as would otherwise be necessary. If activated, such long-range monitoring would also greatly accelerate morphological studies and, at the same time, enable such studies to be effected in virtual secrecy. Nonetheless, human beings and/or their carcasses have been collected by ufonauts on some occasions, especially if the testimony of the Brazilian Da Silva, from Bebedouro in 1969, is trustworthy; and, of course, many short-term abductions have allegedly occurred. Perhaps the most famous of these is the Antonio Villas Boas case, in which Villas-Boas, on the night of October 5th., 1957, claims to have been taken aboard a ufo and made to procreate with an alien female. The case has been thoroughly discussed in "UFO Occupants" by Coral and Jim Lorenzen.

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Virtually inseparable from ufo landings and ufo activities on the surface of this planet, are several reports relating to strange animals seen either in direct company with recognizable ufonauts, with landed ufos, or without either of these but in areas simultaneously visited by ufo activity in the air. We have already mentioned the "black dogs" seen with a landed ufo at Laurel Grove cemetery, and the fuzzy-haired creatures accompanying ufonauts and a landed ufo near Austin, Texas. Noteworthy is the fact that the "black dogs" appear to have vanished into thin air.

The experience of Mr and Mrs Ismir Bey deserves mention here, for, on the night of May 14th., 1964, while driving close to railway tracks in Turkey, they saw a spinning disc the size of a house plummet out of the sky into the ground nearby and burst into flames. Instants later a giant hairy creature leaped out of the burning object and dashed towards Mr Bey. After seizing Mr Bey, who attempted to protect his wife, and was easily pounded into insensibility, the creature made off into neighbouring woods. It was never seen or reported again (see Canadian UFO Report, vol.2, no:6, 1973, p.26). The creature, whatever it was, seems to have closely resembled the so-called Yeti of the Himalayas and "sasquatch" or "Big Foot" of North America. Both of the latter are reported intermittently, usually from rather remote localities, and are often sighted just before or during periods of local ufo activity. Much the same may be said of the elusive Surrey "Puma", which, though repeatedly sighted over many years by scores of persons (including policemen), has never been caught. Like "Big Foot", the Yeti, and the "Black Dogs" of Laurel Grove cemetery, it seemingly has the ability to vanish into thin air. Falling into the same category is the frightening "Mothman" seen in the Ohio River valley during the late 1960's, and which was most certainly associated with observed ufo activity. Once again, "Mothman" seems able to disappear into thin air since as yet no specimen has ever been caught or trapped. It can also fly, according to eyewitness accounts, at speeds of up to 100 m.p.h.

But if none of the aforementioned creatures --- themselves covering quite a wide range of animal or organic types --- have ever been caught, the same cannot



be said of the weird unknown animal brought to London in October 1878 by a Victorian naturalist named Davy. A full account of this strange beast was printed in "Land and Water", October 5th., 1878, wherein we read that the creature, which was covered in wire-like hair, was of singular symmetry whereby it resembled a cube. Interestingly, Harold T. Wilkins (see "Flying Saucers Uncensored", pp. 92-4), who published a rather sensational account of the affair, suggested that the animal had been teleported to Earth from some other world. Davy claims to have acquired it from a man named Leman, who had previously bought it from peasants in the Pyrenees district of southern France. Its subsequent fate is not recorded.

Possibly, the remarkable animal seen during the early hours of April 16th., 1954, by a policeman patrolling Dumpton Park, Ramsgate, Kent, was of similar origin. According to the policeman's deposition, the creature had a long snout, large claws on its feet, was covered with quills, and was the size of an Alsatian. Although descriptively reminiscent of an ant-eater, one is not justified in identifying it as such, for we are also told that it had a short tail and walked upright. Ant-eaters, which are not indigenous to Britain, have long tails, and normally do not *act as* bipeds. Under no circumstance would they resemble a "walking fir-cone", a descriptive phrase used by the policeman. In any case, one has to account for why an ant-eater was walking about at night in a park when (a) the animal is not indigenous to Britain, and (b) nobody who might have owned one reported a specimen missing. Like the Yeti, "Big Foot", "Sasquatch" and "Mothman", not to mention the "Surrey Puma", the Dumpton Park beast was never seen again, seemingly vanishing into thin air. In that sense at least, all these mystery beasts are in the same category.

If one accepts that at least some of these unknown animals have been seen associated with ufos (see Flying Saucer Review, Special Issue no:4, August 1971, pp. 44, 48, for an account of weird "birdlike" creatures near a landed discoidal object near Cordoba, Spain, on May 16th., 1966), then one must try to formulate a sensible reason why they visit (or are brought to) Earth from time to time. Are they, perhaps, equivalent to the mysterious showers of small creatures --- some of them of alien character --- as previously detailed? Also, if the collecting of terrestrial organisms at all levels forms a part of some vast biological experiment being conducted by ufonauts, then, together with such obviously interpretable events as the Villas-Boas incident, breeding and hybridization programmes involving both Earthly and extraterrestrial life forms are apparently taking place. Very possibly such subsidiary ufo activities as the siphoning-off of appreciable volumes of reservoir, pond, and lake water can be placed here in better perspective than hitherto, for would not ufonauts intent on breeding aquatic terrestrial species require quantities of terrestrial water in which the relevant organisms could thrive and propagate? When numerous invertebrates and lowly vertebrates shower down from the sky (as segregated specimens), are they representative of "excess stock" literally "dumped" back whence they or their ancestors originated? The occasional mixture of alien and terrestrial species in these showers may signify little more than the dumping of innocuous creatures in an environment that, although perhaps rendering them sterile and thereby consigning them to inevitable extinction here, would neither benefit nor suffer by their introduction.

The sudden arrival of larger and more highly organized creatures, such as "Big Foot" and "Mothman" appear to be, may relate not so much to "dumping" as to the deliberate short-term introduction of potentially suitable organisms into an environment not disastrously hostile to them but in which they need to be "proved". The possibility exists that such creatures may be deliberately left here for temporary periods of predetermined duration to "see how they get on", after which they are recollected for examination elsewhere. Should, as matters may well turn out, any of these creations prove unsuccessful, then bio-genetic adjustments might



be made to them, modified versions being then reintroduced for a further limited period; just conceivably, the variety of eyewitness descriptions of "Big Foot" reflects the arrival of successively "improved" specimens of this creature. Significantly, a few reports of "Big Foot" and "Sasquatch" mention scars or peculiar "unfinished" features exhibited by these creatures, a factor possibly supporting the "succession of Improved" specimens theory. Similar features have also sometimes been reported by those encountering ufonauts at close quarters, and at in at least one incident a human-like entity seemed to be covered with fresh "blood" almost as though some wound or surgical incision had not been allowed to quite heal and thereby rupture and discharge much blood (see Shuttlewood: "The Warminster Mystery", pp.132-135). Other explanations of such observations make little sense.

References to human-like entities, as distinct from more bizarre non-human forms, inevitably raises the question of abducted human beings. We instantly recall the human cadavers featured in the Bebdouro abduction case (see earlier). Yet it would be folly to ascribe all disappearances, even large-scale disappearances, to definite ufo activity, for it is comparatively easy for determined individuals wishing to sever all connections with their former associates and apparently "vanish". In the case of resourceful adults this can be accomplished without undue difficulty, but in the case of children this must be much less easy. Thus the incidents involving the sudden disappearance of a large number of children from Cork, Eire, and Brussels, Belgium, in August 1869, and of eight small girls, all under twelve years of age, from Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 1920 (see H.T.Wilkins: "Flying Saucers Uncensored", pp.100-101), need to be carefully noted, especially when we remember the famous Oliver Larch affair and the cases of Charles Ashmore and David Lang (see E.Norman: "Weird Unsolved Mysteries", pp.14-16), in which aerial agencies of some kind were seemingly involved.

Other events in this category include that of a farmer and his three sons who, on November 23rd., 1886, were reaping corn in a field near Edina, Missouri, USA., when something afterwards described as lightning flashed down from the sky, mildly injuring the farmer, severely injuring one of his sons, killing another son, and causing the third son to disappear. He was never seen again (Charleston News and Courier, 25.11.1886). Although lightning can and does kill or maim individuals, it does not normally cause people to vanish. A comparable incident is recounted by Gray Barker in his "Book of Saucers", in which James Greer was reportedly lifted bodily into the air from a farm near Zanesville, Ohio, USA., by an invisible force. James's brother, Albert Greer, and a hired hand, witnessed the event and saw the victim drawn rapidly upwards so that he was soon no larger than a small doll. After the unfortunate James had disappeared completely, it was claimed that a blinding flash of light was seen in the sky that seemed to streak away towards the northwest. The presence in both these cases of bright flashes of light is noteworthy.

Eric Norman (op.cit., pp.24-25) records a case of a young girl being prevented by a neighbour from being involuntarily drawn up into the sky by a large unknown, cube-shaped, revolving object ascending noiselessly over Thompson, Manitoba, Canada. This is interesting on two counts: (a) only the girl was drawn upwards, not the person saving her from abduction, and (b) the selection of a female for abduction. Respecting this latter factor, we note the large number of girls that suddenly disappeared from Cork, Brussels, and Belfast above, and that Charles Bowen (see "UFO Report", Saga magazine, Autumn, 1975, p.10) records that at least two fishermen's wives have been kidnapped (according to their husbands) by ufonauts in 1974 from the beach at Navegantes, Brazil. But males have also been abducted. For example, Wing-Commander J.Baldwin, failed to come out of a cloud into which



he and the jet aeroplane he was flying had entered while on a meteorological reconnaissance mission over Korea, in March 1952 (see H.T.Wilkins: "Flying Saucers From the Moon", p.282). Other similar cases are also known, even though it is contrary to all known laws that solid items such as human beings and aeroplanes can suddenly cease momentum while inside clouds that, by their very physical composition, are both unsubstantial and in process of dissipation. Thus, these "clouds" cannot be clouds at all, or at least not of any type yet catalogued by meteorologists. That this is confirmed by other recorded events is well known, for on numerous occasions ufos have been seen to fly into but not emerge from "clouds" --- as on the evening of an unnoted day in November 1947, when ten or twelve disc-like objects came out of a revolving golden-hued "cloud" seen from Albany Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (see Canadian Flying Saucers, 1957, p.12). Nor will we overlook the aforementioned instance when hundreds of mussels fell upon Paderborn, Germany from a strange yellow cloud. Indeed, all these events appear to show very clearly that many clouds cannot be conventional clouds at all and that ufos, with their superior technology, create artificial clouds within which they lurk and from inside which they survey us.

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Summarizing the foregoing inter-related events, it is possible to conclude that, instead of studying yet other ufo fly-over reports, our investigations should perhaps be directed more towards the effects and activities of ufos and their occupants, and especially to those like the series reviewed above. In themselves, these strange and at first sight seemingly unrelated incidents appear to have few demonstrable connections with conventional ufo sightings; but chronological cataloguing of the events reveals that they follow patterns and trends directly related to patterns and waves of ufo activity. Some incidents feature definite ufo involvement, and others, though otherwise very similar, little or no discernible ufo involvement. That is the subtlety of the weird material in this general category. For too long it has been ignored or dismissed as being outside the real ufo problem --- a problem hitherto usually typified by ufo fly-overs and landings. It is this other, less well recognized, ufo activity that is seemingly still more important. It will henceforth behove us to pay particular attention to it.

As a working framework for future research, therefore, it is here suggested that some technically and scientifically very advanced culture has not only developed interplanetary and inter-stellar travel but operates from one or more artificially constructed worlds capable of being moved from location to location as circumstances dictate, and that their present (or recent) location is (was) in the general vicinity of the star Zeta Reticulae. Possibly other locations may be used simultaneously. About three years ago (Earth time) --- in 1973 --- large numbers of landings and sample collecting occurred as the latest phase in a programme that appears to have got under way in our Solar System approximately two-hundred-and-fifty years ago. Although ufos were not generally recognized for what they were until 1946-7, they had been active in our skies and on Earth's surface for centuries before, and, it appears, on other planets in our system also. The activity, apart from general reconnaissance, mostly seems to have centred upon collecting soil, water, and organic (plant as well as animal) specimens. Human beings have been collected too. We can only guess for what purposes these activities have been undertaken. But recognizable hybrid or experimental life forms have seemingly been temporarily introduced to Earth, while excess "stock" has, it is further suggested, been dumped here rather unceremoniously. Some methods of collecting or abduction have also been mentioned, and the resulting realizations are disquietening.

It is exceedingly important that we find out just what is going on.....SOON.



THE "OPEN DOOR" B.B.C. TELEVISION PROGRAMME  
ON UFOS,

by  
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The writer had the privilege of being one of the participants in the above programme, and, more important still, of being directly involved in handling many of the subsequent eyewitness reports received from the general public. Even though a mere 9½ minutes in duration, the programme apparently succeeded in generating a wide public interest in the ufo problem if the many letters and telephone calls afterwards received were anything to go by. It also demonstrated that British ufology is still very much alive and kicking and much concerned with consolidating the scientific basis upon which it now rests.

From a purely practical point of view, the broadcast produced excellent results. Over 150 letters and more than 100 telephone calls were received. Although many of the latter concerned events of dubious importance, and others were concerned with "Lights-In-The-Sky" (LITS) types of sightings, news did reach us of a few cases of uncommon interest, now in the process of fuller investigation.

Certainly the results serve to lend credence to the belief, which NUFON (Northern UFO Network) has been trying to instill into the B.B.C., that there is a need for a full-scale documentary programme on ufos free from all the usual trappings of "golden-haired Venusians and Little Green Men". Nor can there be any doubt that the encouraging public response to the programme fully justified the effort that went into obtaining a mere 9½ minutes broadcasting time. It seems to have been 9½ minutes well worth spent.

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REPORT ON THE 1975 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

by  
Derek N.Mansell.

On Saturday, December 6th., 1975; Contact (UK) held its Annual General Meeting for 1975 in the Tudor Room, Caxton Hall, London. It was attended by upwards of 200 members and guests; by the new president of Contact International, Dr John Cleary-Baker; by vice-president Ivar Mackay; and by the two distinguished speakers, Prof. John Taylor, and Mr. Mark Rodeghier. An exhibition of selected ufo photographs, cartoons, international ufo personalities, and books was also staged, the latter eliciting great general interest.

The committee and all the members present worked smoothly through a varied agenda, noted the healthy state of Contact (UK)'s membership and finances, and passed a resolution that, as from April 1st., 1976, the annual subscription fee was to be increased from general inflationary reasons to £3.00p. per person (£2.00p. per person in the case of senior citizens). All Contact (UK) members should note this resolution.

Everyone present was dismayed to learn of the then only very recent incapacitation of our founder president, the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, but delighted to hear that, in place of his talk, Mr Mark Rodeghier of Sussex University and an associate of Dr. J. Allen Hynek in Chicago, had valiantly stepped into the breach at exceedingly short notice. Everyone expressed a wish that our founder president would speedily recover and be able to attend next year's A.G.M.

Mark Rodeghier's talk --- on the electromagnetic effects of ufos --- was, like Professor Taylor's lecture on paranormal physics, a brilliant affair greatly appreciated by the entire assembly. Our best thanks are extended to him and his



monumental effort, and our best wishes for his future researches into the electrical and magnetic aspects of ufo behaviour. Professor Taylor's exceedingly lucid talk was accompanied by numerous slides, some in colour, illustrating specific problems and effects encountered in his researches, and altogether enthralled the gathered assembly. Both talks generated lively debates and must be regarded as resounding successes.

Everyone now looks forward to the 1976 A.G.M., the date and venue of which will be advised to all concerned through this journal in due course.

### UFO ACTIVITY OVER NORTHERN ENGLAND BETWEEN JULY AND OCTOBER 1975

by

Jenny Randles.

The first ufo sighting of any real significance during the period reviewed here is still under investigation by the Manchester UFO Research Association (MUFORA), who currently await a detailed analysis of a photographic negative taken by an amateur photographer. This was obtained by an off-duty policeman (name withheld) at 9.00pm on July 11th. When developed, the photograph showed a clearly defined domed disc. This had been seen from a window at the witness's residence in Rochdale, as it streaked across his field of view. MUFORA have conducted extensive work on this case but have failed to find a natural explanation for the sighting.

MUFORA were again in action, also involving police personnel, on August 16th., at 03.26 hours on which date, a patrolling policeman (name withheld) in a panda car on a lonely hillside road north of Bury radioed to his base that he had just followed a brilliant white bulb-shaped object moving slowly across the hills towards the south. Despite the calm night and tomb-like silence of his surroundings, the policeman heard no sound at all from the object, which was the apparent size of the full Moon. The policeman, who had spent 27 years with the force, afterwards commented that "I have never seen anything like THAT in my life".

Several miles to the south, in the centre of Bury, another policeman, more of a newcomer to the force although nonetheless an experienced night-time observer, saw what quite possibly was the same object sometime between 3.30 and 4.00 a.m. At first, he simply saw a brilliant white light, moving eastwards. He immediately set off after the object in his car, tracking it along the road towards Rochdale. He eventually stopped in the elevated grounds at a hospital, got out of his car and watched the thing fly overhead. It banked to the south and slowed down, dulling to a reddish colour as it did so. It hovered momentarily over the Darn Hill hosing estate, and then moved slowly away southwards. Size, and other factors (such as the total silence), agree with the first report. In a taped interview made only an hour or so later, this witness described the object as "triangular in shape". When the interviewer (a MUFORA representative) commented "You realize that rules out an aircraft", he was insistent, "No, It wasn't".

Eastwards of the second policeman, at a hospital in Rochdale, three members of the staff were also witnesses. To the local police they reported their observation of a white bulb-shaped light seen descending on a slow south-easterly path into the foothills of the Pennines. The time was again consistent with the previous reports of this object.

A final group of eyewitnesses, consisting of two security guards, reported a very similar brilliant white object streak through a gap between houses visible from their vantage point in Whitefield, south of Bury. A significant item in their report was that several minutes AFTER sighting the above, they also saw a bright



white light in the southern sky, moving on a descending path towards the west.

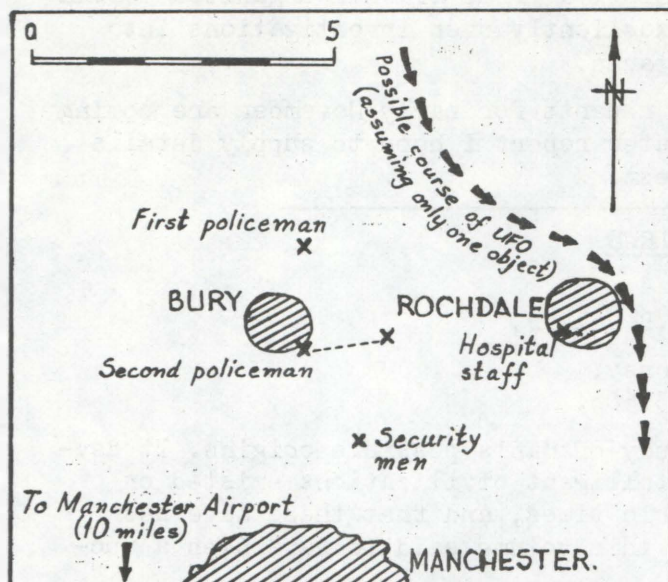
Within an hour of the first sighting, a MUFORA representative was on the scene to interview eyewitnesses and record pertinent data. This was a remarkable effort considering the sighting was made at 3.30 in the morning. Subsequent investigation of this multiple sighting produced few definite answers. The only feasible possibility was an aircraft from Glasgow, which landed at Manchester airport at 03.34 hours. If this aeroplane had had its landing lights fully on, then it may have appeared strange. However, it is difficult to believe that trained policemen, who must see similar night-flying aircraft times without number, would simultaneously fail to identify a conventional aeroplane in this way, and that they would unanimously report it as soundless. Gauged from weather records, the height of the Glasgow/Manchester aeroplane was around 2,000 feet, too low for there not to have been some sound. Moreover, the first call was received by the first policeman at 03.26a.m., several minutes BEFORE the Glasgow/Manchester aeroplane passed over the Bury district. It does, however, seem possible (although not provable) that the light in the south seen by the security men was indeed the Glasgow/Manchester flight, since it was precisely on the flight-path into Ringway airport. If so, what was the object they saw pass between the houses, and observed by the aforementioned policemen? For relative eyewitness positions see Fig.1.

MUFORA were not the only group involved in active investigations during this period, for it should be noted that August brought its share of LITS reports to the groups comprising NUFON (Northern UFO Network). Many were ultimately identified as satellites, although an interesting one involved a sighting on the day preceding the case just outlined. A full investigation of the case, which occurred in Blackburn, has just been completed, and the object remains unidentified. It was just after midnight on the morning of August 15th., when a man and his wife (names with-held) were aroused from their beds by a brilliant light flooding into their room. Rushing to the window they saw outside a domed oval object as it passed to the south-east (note direction) at a slow speed calculated as being approximately 10mph. It was rotating, and pulsing with red, orange, and yellow lights. There was at the time a very low cloud ceiling, and heavy rain was falling. There was virtually no wind, what little there was coming from the opposite direction (i.e., from the north-west). No recorded aeroplane flights were known for that district then, and, as the object proceeded so slowly and was totally silent, its identification as a conventional aeroplane is unlikely in the extreme. Confirmatory reports of the object were also obtained from nearby Darwen.

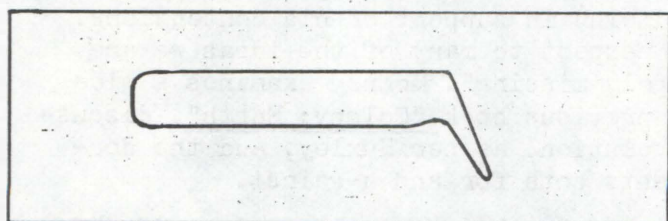
Just after this August "flap" had subsided, the mystery helicopter, so often reported in earlier years, especially during the winter months, again commenced activity over the Pennine moorlands. Of course, nobody saw it as an actual helicopter, although there were theories that it was bringing illegal traffic into the region. Some of these latest observations on this mysterious visitor plainly relate to no conventional aircraft. It is hoped that in due course a proper report on the "helicopter's" activity can be compiled for publication. The main concentration to date this year has occurred east of the Pennines, and BUFORA (Yorkshire) have been kept exceedingly busy logging sightings and tracking down various explanations advanced to account for the noted activity. Several early morning reports have defied any type of explanation. The period centred on September 26th. seems to have been that of the most intense activity.

MUFORA were back in action on October 17th, when a series of twelve photographs were taken from Preston. These showed a white flare-like "mass of gass", which is said to have moved along as one body. It was seen in the western sky, moving first south and then in the opposite direction. It hovered on three occasions, and moved

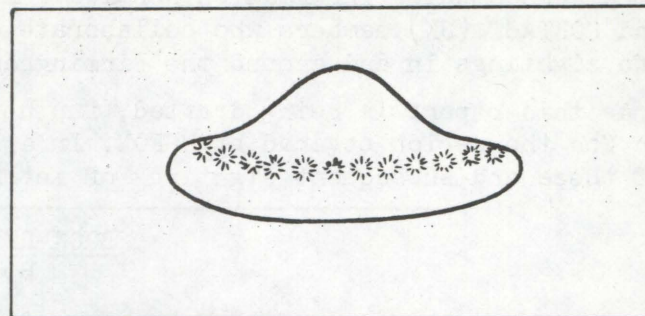




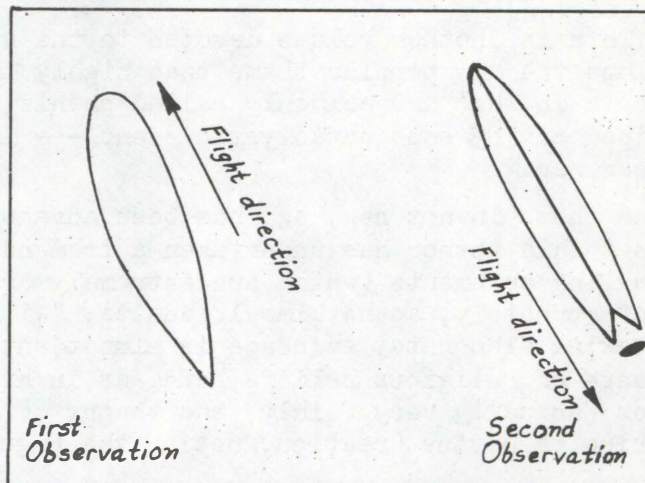
**Fig.1:** The location of witnesses on 16.8.75.



**Fig.3:** The IRLAM object of 28.10.75



**Fig.2:** The BLACKBURN object of 15.8.75.



**Fig.4:** The PRESTON object of 17.10.75.

very slowly, being visible (all told) for twelve minutes. Although as yet incomplete, investigations into this report have disclosed that both Blackpool and Warton airports (the only possible sources for the object) had nothing in the air at the time that would have accounted for the object seen. Both the photographic and descriptive records show this object to have been markedly similar to one photographed on Boxing Day (December 26th.), 1965, over Cappoquin, Ireland, and quite similar to that reported over Nassogne, Belgium, on January 21st., 1975 (vide UFO INFO, no:39, 1975 (Bruges), p.6). See Fig.4 above.

The events of the last week in October provide an excellent example of inter-group co-operation. The Leicester Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (LAPRO), after speedily reporting that the Leicester area was the focus of a sudden outburst of ufo activity, were, via the NUFON relay system, able to put other local groups on the trail of the relevant witnesses. Thus, on October 24th., LAPRO were out investigating a "flap" of early and mid-evening reports of flashing objects, when a report was received that a giant object, resembling a flying bus, had overflown a car on a lonely road south of Buxton, Derbyshire. The Staffordshire branch of BUFORA took up this case. On the 28th., with LAPRO still experiencing local activity, MUFORA received two reports, of which one involved a shiny cylindrical object of great length, with an oddly pointed and drooped nose (like Concorde's): see Fig.3. Needless to add, no aircraft were known to be overflying Irlam, the place of observation, on the morning of that Autumn day, and the object remains unidentified. Of probable significance is the fact that, within an hour of the Irlam sighting, a brilliant silver sphere was seen over central Birmingham, and duly reported to the



local UFO Studies Information Service (UFOSIS), a group of well-organized BUFORA and CONTACT (UK) members who collaborate excellently over investigations into ufo sightings in and around the Birmingham area.

As this report is being drafted, further reports for early November are coming in for the region covered by NUFON. In a later report I hope to supply details of these and subsequent sightings of interest.

### BOOK REVIEWS

by

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"GODS OF AIR AND DARKNESS" by Richard E.Mooney.

Published by Souvenir Press (Sept.1975): £3.50p.

This is another volume devoted to the study of Man's possible origins. It develops the now popular theme that highly intelligent civilizations existed on Earth in what are commonly called prehistoric times, and that these have been wiped out by some cataclysmic event --- in this volume said to have been a nuclear war.

The theme is not new, and has been advanced by others; but there is no doubt that this author has undertaken a tremendous amount of research, resulting in telling arguments (which are extremely credible) in support of his contentions. Unfortunately, as he himself admits, "With respect to many of the ideas we are seeking elaborate, evidence is almost entirely missing". Mooney examines a wide range of religious beliefs, and, as in his previous book "Colony: Earth", discusses (actually very fairly) the theory of Evolution, as per Huxley, and the doctrine of Divine Creation, noting the arguments both for and against.

In a phrase, the author considers that "History has been grossly distorted". If we accept his arguments, we cannot fail to agree. There is surely deep down in most of us some curiosity as to our origins and past. For such, this book will be a source of great pleasure and a thought-provoking volume. FWP.

"UFOs: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE" by Robert Emenegger.

Published by Ballantine Books (New York): American dollars.

At first glance this appears to be just another pot-boiler ufo book, that is until one starts to read it. Then a revelation begins.

Taking actual former USAF Project Blue Book material, some of it hitherto unpublished or not released for general publication, Emenegger reappraises not only some classic ufo sightings --- such as the Mantell incident, the Chiles and Whitted affair, the landings at Levelland and Socorro, the infamous "swamp-gas" reports from the Dexter-Hillsdale (Michigan) case, and the Coyne helicopter case of 1973 --- but reprints some of the original eyewitness drawings. But excellent although these ingredients are, perhaps the best feature of this very readable little book is the central section of full-colour photographs of unidentified objects filmed from Gemini, Sky-Lab, and Apollo space capsules, and of the ufo photographed from the French Concorde over Chad in June 1973. To the reviewer's knowledge no such collection of coloured photographs of ufos has ever before been assembled between two covers.

Emenegger also devotes some space to possible future ufo trends, and to the avenues of research that might be developed. These make fascinating reading. One would, however, have liked to have seen an index and a bibliography, although their omission is partly compensated for by a useful Observer's Data Sheet. All serious ufologists should read this book, obtainable from Lionel Beer.

JBD.



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